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Pennsylvania's 2010 Fruit Production-Preliminary

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 21, 2011 - - - Pennsylvania apple production was 481 million pounds, down 29 million pounds from 2009, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pennsylvania Field Office. Of this 481 million pounds, 468 million pounds were utilized. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 22,300 pounds. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$69.5 million, up 3 percent from 2009. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in U.S. apple production behind Washington, New York, and Michigan. Washington produced 5.5 billion pounds, New York produced 1.3 billion pounds, and Michigan produced 590 million pounds.

Tart cherry production was 2.3 million pounds from 600 acres. The yield per bearing acre was 3,830 pounds, down 2,670 pounds per acre from 2009. The preliminary farm level value was \$298,000. Michigan, the top tart cherry producing state, harvested 135 million pounds.

Pennsylvania peach production was 21,200 tons from 4,400 acres in 2010. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 4.73 tons per acre. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$23.5 million. Pennsylvania ranked fifth in peach production behind California, South Carolina, Georgia, and New Jersey.

Pear production was 2,400 tons from 800 acres in 2010. The preliminary farm level value was \$2.5 million.

Pennsylvania grape growers produced 83,000 tons from 13,600 acres in 2010. The preliminary farm level value was \$24.6 million. There were 72,000 tons of Concord, 6,400 tons of Niagara, and 3,300 tons of other grapes crushed in 2010. Grapes processed for wine totaled 10,200 tons, up 21 percent from 2009. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in grape production behind California, Washington, and New York.

Fruit Production: Pennsylvania and U.S., 2009-2010

Fruit	Pennsylvania				United States			
	Bearing Acres		Total Production		Bearing Acres		Total Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	<i>Million Lbs.</i>
Apples	21,000	21,000	510	481	347,800	344,500	9,704.9	9,286.6
Tart Cherries	600	600	3.9	2.3	35,550	35,650	358.9	190.4
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Grapes	13,600	13,600	64,000	83,000	942,800	944,800	7,307,440	6,856,770
Peaches	4,400	4,400	27,900	21,200	118,830	117,630	1,103,770	1,151,300
Pears	800	800	5,820	2,400	57,000	57,000	957,220	807,600

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